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Jeez. Woulda been nice if he mentioned this on our call this morning!

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Note that Gautam will no longer be working on our Redwood City matter.

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I am pleased to announce two new additions to the management team in OGC's Air and Radiation Law Office: Gautam Srinivasan will be ARLO's new Deputy Associate General Counsel and Kristi Smith will be the new Assistant General Counsel for the NAAQS Implementation, Visibility and Trading Practice Group (backfilling for Patricia Embrey and Sara Schneeberg, respectively). In addition, Brian Doster will be the Acting Deputy Associate General Counsel for the next couple of months.

Gautam Srinivasan

Gautam, who has been with OGC over 15 years, is returning to ARLO after four years as an Assistant General Counsel in the Water Law Office. Gautam is a Renaissance environmental lawyer – in addition to his time in ARLO and WLO, he was in the Pesticides and Toxic Substances Law Office for 8 years and did a substantial interdivisional RCRA assignment for the Solid Waste and Emergency Response Law Office. He was also a special assistant in OGC's Immediate Office. It's safe to say Gautam doesn't lack for a range of OGC experiences, during which he has demonstrated strong legal and analytical capability, sound judgment and solid management skills.

Much of his time in WLO has been spent working to advance the Agency's efforts to clarify the scope of the Clean Water Act in light of recent Supreme Court cases. The issues are as complicated and controversial as you will find, and completing the Clean Water Rule (aka the Rule formerly known as the Waters of the US Rule) to address CWA jurisdiction is one of the Administrator's top priorities (more on that later). Gautam's group also handles general

permitting issues under CWA § 402 and EPA's implementation of the CWA §404 program (reportedly working with the Corps of Engineers on 404 matters is not something he will miss).

Prior to joining WLO, Gautam spent almost 3 years here in ARLO working primarily on Title V issues and the reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone NAAQS (alas). Although it has been a little while, Gautam won't be unfamiliar with our unique CAA lexicon.

Unfortunately, Gautam will not be joining ARLO for a while yet. He is at the tail end of working on the Clean Water Rule, and it is important to the Agency that he sees that rule to completion. He will continue his work on that rule and remain full-time in the Water Law Office until that rule is signed, which is expected to happen this spring. He will, however, start attending ARLO meetings to begin getting up to speed.

Kristi Smith

Kristi has been in OGC for more than 8 years, most of which were spent as an Attorney Advisor in ARLO. While Kristi came to EPA with little specific Clean Air Act experience, she's since become an expert in a range of fields, including major source permitting (especially in the area of PSD greenhouse gas regulation), major source determinations, and the overlap of title V and PSD permitting requirements. In the NAAQS implementation area, she has advised attorneys and program staff in Headquarters and the Regions on various issues relating to SIP processing, emissions inventories, and general conformity. Kristi also spent one year on detail as a Special Assistant in the Front Office, which provided her with exposure to a wide range of legal and administrative projects affecting OGC and the Agency as a whole. Kristi has also been active in the non-legal work of OGC, recently co-chairing the OGC Details Committee and serving as a CFC Keyworker, Summer Honor Committee member, and a mentor for new attorneys and interns...and let's not forget founding and leading the OGC Morale Booster Bakers for more than 4 years!!!

Before coming to OGC, Kristi supervised law students as a teaching fellow and staff attorney in the environmental law clinic at Georgetown University School of Law, addressed federal court litigants as a law clerk in the D.C. District Court, corralled high school students as a biology teacher at Oakland (CA) Senior High school, and observed red howler monkeys as a graduate student at the University of Miami, all of which she hopes will prove useful in helping the NAAQS Implementation Practice Group address the various needs and concerns of its clients.

Brian Doster

Finally, Brian Doster will officially be the Acting Deputy Associate General Counsel until Gautam joins ARLO full time. While Brian did not apply for the Deputy position, we have been very lucky that Brian has been willing to unofficially serve in this role for much of this year; designating him Acting Deputy formally recognizes Brian's contribution. Brian will continue to manage his practice group during this time.

Please join me in congratulating these outstanding attorneys in their new roles.

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